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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

CONCORD MAN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL WEAPON CHARGE

Re: United States v. Kevin CORSON

Concord, New Hampshire -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Concord Police Chief Jerome K. Madden, and Clifford Ellston, the Resident Agent in Charge of the New Hampshire Office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced that **Kevin CORSON**, of Concord, New Hampshire was convicted on June 27, 2005 of federal weapon possession charges.

CORSON, a previously convicted felon on robbery and assault charges, entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Paul Barbadoro to an information charging him with being a felon in possession of a sawed-off shotgun in Concord on March 24, 2004. CORSON was detained without bail pending his sentencing hearing to be held in U.S. District Court in Concord on October 19, 2005. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted felons is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by the aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public, and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws.

The prosecution against CORSON, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Concord Police Department, the N.H. Department of Corrections, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution is being handled by First Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.